



## **Jimmy Ray Wills, Jr.**

**March 17, 1966 – September 17, 2012**

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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

After a long, courageous battle with cancer, it is with heartbreak and deep sadness we are announcing the passing of Jimmy Ray Wills, Jr.

Jimmy was born March 17, 1966 in Covington, Virginia. He was 46 years old and was the son of Jimmy & Sue Whitman Wills of Madams Creek.

Jimmy was a 1984 graduate of Hinton High School. He began his career as an Emergency Services Operator for the City of Hinton and Summers County. He then became an engineer for the City of Hinton Fire Department. Jimmy was asked to become a member of the Hinton Police Department and upon graduation from the WV State Police Academy accepted the position of patrolman. Jimmy then accepted a position with the Beckley Fire Department as an Engineer and served that department for 22 years. During this same time, he also served as Chief Deputy for the Summers County Sheriff's Department and later as Assistant Chief for the City of Hinton Police Department. He was named Fireman of the Year in 2011 by the Beckley Fire Department in recognition of his proficient and dedicated service to that community. Jimmy enjoyed competitive drag-racing and also owned

and operated an auto body shop in Summers County. He was a member of Martha's Chapel Methodist Church at Madams Creek.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Idabelle Lilly of Hinton. Also preceded by his paternal grandfather, Clarence Wills of Madams Creek.

Besides his parents, Jimmy is survived by the joy of his life, his precious son, Tyler Cole Wills. His Lil Sis, Libby Meadows & husband Timmy of Madams Creek. His only nephew, Josh Meadows of Madams Creek. His paternal grandmother, Virginia Wills of Madams Creek. He is also survived by two very special people in his life, his fiancée, Melissa Richards and her daughter, Emma Crook. Several uncles and aunts, including his special aunt, Jan Plumley of Hinton and special uncle, Robert Wills of Madams Creek.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday September 21, 2012 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Chaplin Charlie Lilly and Pastor Roy Carter officiating. Burial will follow in Restwood Memorial Gardens in Hinton. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy's colleagues at Beckley Fire Department; Johnny Mann, Donnie Morgan, Ed Wills, Stuart Scott, Mike Atterson and Chris Graham.